

ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA ISD 2805



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 7

The communities of Zumbrota and Mazeppa are committed to their children’s learning and their future. This commitment is expressed by ZM Schools’ mission of “Building a bridge to the future where all individuals have the opportunity to reach their full potential in a safe, challenging learning environment”. Consistent with that mission, ISD 2805 will pursue a referendum on November 7, 2017.

Two questions will be placed on the ballot – the first one asks voters to renew an expiring levy for ten years. Because Question 1 extends an expiring levy at the same dollar amount, it is not expected to cause any significant changes in property taxes. The second ballot question asks voters to approve an increase in general education revenue by an additional \$313.63 per pupil for ten years. Passage of this levy will result in new taxes and, for Question 2 to be enacted, Question 1 must first be approved by voters.

Click here to see the [Sample Ballot and Notice of Election](#).

WHEN IS THE ELECTION? Tuesday, November 7. Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

Goodhue County residents vote in the Primary Gym in Zumbrota.

Wabasha/Olmsted residents vote in the foyer of the new gym in Mazeppa.

WHO CAN VOTE? A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day. If you are unable to vote on Election Day, November 7, absentee ballots are available until November 6 in the District Office in Mazeppa.



Veterans Day Programs November 10

ZM Schools has a long tradition of honoring our veterans by remembering their service to our country. In an effort to help students understand the meaning of Veterans Day at their age level, there will be three programs this year—one for middle/high school students, one for elementary students, and one for primary students.



K-2 students - 8:30 am Primary Gym, Zumbrota
Elementary —12:30 pm Large Gym, Mazeppa.
Middle/High School—2:30 pm Neuman Auditorium, Zumbrota

The public is welcome to attend any of these events to honor our veterans. Honored guests are

members of the Mazeppa and Zumbrota VFW and Legions and the Mazeppa Honor Guard. Kay Swenson will deliver the keynote speech at the middle/high school. The high school band and choir will perform at the 2:30 ceremony and the 5th and 6th grade choir will perform in Mazeppa.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- Election Day is November 7

WHAT’S COMING UP?

11/3 End 1st Quarter
11/6 No School/Teacher Inservice
11/8 Early Release.
11/9 K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm
11/10 Veterans Day Programs
11/13 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-8 pm.
Board meeting to canvass election/work session, 7pm, District Office Conference Room, Mazeppa
11/22 No School, Comp Day
11/23, 24 No School/Holiday
11/27 School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa

Visit www.zmschools.us for all the news

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FROM 4-8 PM FOR K-6 ON 11/9 AND K-12 ON 11/13

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools has been awarded a Safe Routes to School Planning Grant. Safe Routes to School is an effort to improve walking and bicycling conditions for our youth and encourage more active lifestyles.

Part of this planning process is assessing our current conditions in our community and around our school sites. We want to hear from YOU!

Please provide your opinion about walking and bicycling near your school by completing this [web map](#). Your responses will be kept anonymous and the information gathered through the survey

will help to guide recommendations that will make it easier, safer and more fun for students to walk or bike to school.



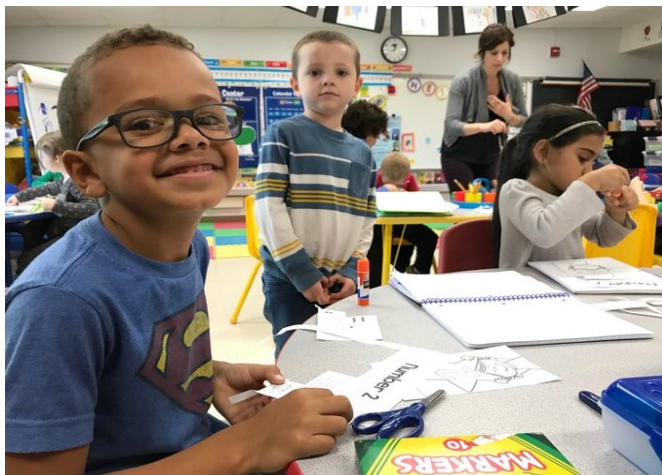
Click the link:
Click Blue "Interactive Map" on top of page; Get Started
Choose your school of choice
Click on the map and add your comments and concerns!

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELORS

Juniors can attend a college fair at Rochester Community and Technical College on Thursday, October 26th. A permission slip was sent to all junior parents.

Freshman attended their annual retreat at Camp Victory on Wednesday, October 18th. Thank you to the Education Foundation for funding this!

Juniors received a letter regarding testing for this year. The ACT test will be offered in April for \$15. The letter outlines the options for this year's juniors. If you did not receive this letter contact Ms. Hunstad at ahunstad@zmsch.k12.mn.us



Kindergarteners working on their number 2 peekaboo books.

BOOK FAIR IS HERE

It is time for the annual Book Fair! Stop in either of the media centers in Mazeppa or Zumbrota and browse through hundreds of great reads.

Online shopping begins Oct 27 and runs through Nov 16. Use the following links:

Elementary: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/zumbrotamazepamidschool>

Primary: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/zumbrotamazepaelemschool>

If you prefer to attend in person, the fairs will open Nov 9 and run through Nov 14. Stock up for the long winter ahead!!



Looking for a part-time job?

Drivers are needed now for this school year. Contact Kennedy Transportation at 507-732-7670 and speak with Scott.



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The ZM School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 23 in the ZMHS Media Center in Zumbrota. The usual business was conducted, including payment of bills.

Reports: Kim Hillberg from CliftonLarsonAllen presented the 2016-17 audit findings. Copies were available for the board at the meeting.

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. He informed the board that there is interest in forming a FIRST Robotics of Minnesota team. He explained the process and what is needed to get a team started. Since the grant is due November 2, the board agreed to have Mr. Anderson proceed and update the board on the process.

Mr. Rasmussen's report was submitted in his absence.

Ms. Ahern reported on the Color Run and thanked Ben Sand for his assistance.

Mr. Harvey reminded board members to let his office know if they are attending the MSBA Winter Conference and if they wish to register for early bird sessions. The October enrollment was 1,211 and the treasurer's report to the board was available for review. Mr. Harvey said before the letter of agreement with Kenyon-Wanamingo is shared, he wants to ride the bus route.

Old Business: Policy 620 Credit for Learning and 903 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites, were approved as presented.

New Business: The following personnel items were approved:

- Hire of High School/College Program Assistants in Cougar Care: Casey Dykes and Hayden Stensland beginning 10/2/17, Dylan VanCanneyt, beginning 10/3/17, Lana Yeakel, beginning 10/23/17,
- Cougar Care SPED assistant: Mary Cordes, beginning 9/5/17,

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Celebrating Our Community Success

When it comes to celebrating.... our kids, community and school have a great deal to be proud of. We know as parents that success can come in many forms and be measured in many ways. We all want our children to be happy and find that thing or series of things that can bring happiness to their lives.

One goal of a school system is to provide opportunities for which students can explore and discover their passions. With the support of the community, our schools have been able to provide the environment to make this happen. Through the support of the communities, Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools offer an array of academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities. These activities give students a chance to explore their passion. We often hear about the championship team or individual that we need to celebrate, but what about the small celebrations and successes that many of you experience with your own kids every day. Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools' philosophy is to 'Build Bridges to the Future' for all of our children. We know that to do this we need well-rounded children.

Our entire school community has invested a great deal into making sure the academic, social, and emotional wellbeing of our kids are met through classroom instruction, system supports, and programs. One measurement of success from the hard work of students, teachers, and parents is our latest performance on MCA tests. As a school system, these assessments give us a quick snapshot of how we are doing and feedback for improvement. Many parents also use this data as a reference to how their child is doing in his/her academics. In that sense, these assessments are important. Regardless of whether we are a school or as a parent, we understand that these assessments are not the whole picture. There is so much more to a quality school and you know there is so much more to your child than a score.

We have an operating referendum coming up for a vote in November. People have been asking me, what the money will be used for? My answer is, "the money will be used to maintain programs at the current level and keep our programs current". Another question is can we operate on less? My answer is, "yes, if we want to offer less." The investment by the community the past 8 years has afforded us the opportunity to excel in academics, offer enrichment programs, offer fine arts opportunities, and athletic choices. Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools has not been about being below average or average regarding student choice. Our goal is to strive to provide the best opportunity and the most options for our children.

Thank you for the support you give our community through our kids. Our communities and our school are one in the same. Remember to Vote November 7!

"Every mountain top is within reach if you just keep climbing."

Barry Finlay, Kilimanjaro and Beyond



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES, con't from pg 3

- Lane Changes: Molly Lindhart BA+10 and Rachel Miller BA+20
- Overloads for first and second semesters: Khendra Johnson, Ashley Buchholz, Alyssa Bangert, and Brad Haugen

A special meeting to canvass the levy referendum results will be held Monday, November 13 at 7:00 pm, prior to the scheduled work session. This meeting will be held in the District Office Conference Room due to the book fair being set up in the media center.

The January board organization meeting was moved to Monday, January 8 beginning at 6:00 pm with the work session following. This meeting will be held in the ZMES Media Center in Maz-eppa.

The board approved the 2016-17 school audit as presented. Mr. Harvey was given permission to complete the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination form online for the school district.

The 2017-18 teacher seniority list was presented for review and approval at the November meeting.

There were no board comments. Minutes were available from the Southeast Service Cooperative and the Goodhue County Education District. There were no minutes from the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m. Following the regular meeting, a referendum information meeting was held in the media center. A number of district residents were in attendance to listen to the referendum presentation and to ask questions.

Pertinent Dates

November 2 – 5th Grade Musical, ZMES Gym

November 3 – 1st Quarter Ends

November 6 – No School/Teacher Inservice

November 7 – Election Day

November 8 – Early Release

November 9 – K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 pm

November 13 – K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 pm. School Board Meeting to Canvass Election Results and Board Work Session, 7 pm, District Office Conference Room, Mazeppa

November 13 – 17 – American Education Week

November 14 – 7/8 Grade Band/Choir Concert, ZMHS Auditorium, Zumbrota

November 16 – 2nd Grade Musical, Zumbrota

November 21 – 6th Grade Kindness Retreat

November 22 – No School/Comp Day

November 23-24 – No School/Holiday

November 27 – Regular School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Making a balance scale in Grade 2



Bus safety training



Duck Duck Gray Duck in preschool



Health Offices: The month of September recorded a total of 884 visits to the health offices. This included illness, injuries, medication administration and health conditions. Please be sure to have current emergency contact information in the Parent Portal.

When to Keep Your Child Home: One of the goals of health services is to assure a healthy environment. Many parents ask about when students should stay home or attend school. The following information is intended to help guide you with making that decision.

- If a student has a fever of 100 degrees or more, the student should stay at home until 24 hours after the temperature has returned to normal (without the use of a fever-reducing medication.)
- If a student has diarrhea or has vomited, the student should stay home until symptom free for 24 hours.
- If a student has a rash that may be related to disease, or the cause is unknown, please see a doctor before sending the student to school.

**Mark your calendar now for the
20 Teeth Dental Clinic
Wednesday, December 6.
More details in the November
newsletter or online at
www.zmschools.us**

Please report the symptoms your child has to the office when you are calling or emailing to let us know they are staying home ill so that we can use this information for health tracking.

Hearing and Vision: With the help of some excellent volunteers, we screened grades 1, 3, and 5 for hearing and vision. Re-screens were completed and referral letters have been sent home. Remember that you may refer a student to me any time during the school year for a hearing or vision screening.

Feel free to contact Tiffany Boraas, Licensed School Nurse at any of the health offices with questions or concerns.

LEGOS ROBOTICS

Sixth grade students are enjoying the opportunity to build robots in an afterschool program that focuses on technology, computer programming, and creativity.



**Weston
Mehrkens
shot a 50
at Trap
Shoot-
great job!**



**Flexible
seating in
grade 4—
thanks
Foundation!**

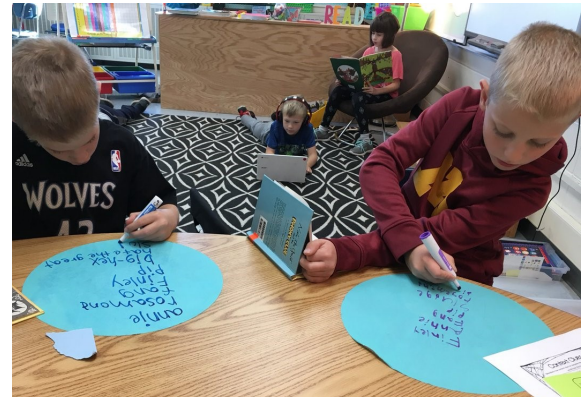


OCTOBER LEARNING & FUN



Ronald McDonald visits the primary school, teaching respect

Using erasable sticker pads for learning



Chemistry students celebrated "Mole Day" on Oct. 23. The mole is a unit of measurement used to convert between representative particles, mass, and volume. $1 \text{ mole} = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ particles. Thus, from 6:02am-6:02pm on 10-23 chemists around the world celebrate Avogadro's famous unit of the mole. The theme for Mole Day 2017 was the Mole Avengers!

Making Emoji pillows in FCS class



Silly sock day in Kindergarten

Learning fire safety in Kindergarten

